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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **USE OF SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE
FEDERAL EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
GRANT**

On December 23, 2010, the Department of Public Health (DPH) Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) notified you of our submission of an application for funding for a Federal Edward Byrne Memorial (FEBM) Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program award. This was in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the State of California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) in conjunction with the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP).

On February 4, 2011, CalEMA notified DPH that Los Angeles County was awarded the 2010 Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation (CDCI) grant in the amount of \$525,000. Approval to accept the grant will come before the Board on May 10, 2011.

The goal of the grant is to provide enhanced drug treatment services for the CDCI criminal justice population. In order to meet this goal, the State allowed for the following grant expenditures: increasing residential capacity, providing narcotic treatment therapy, utilizing outpatient and detoxification services, and utilizing sober living environments to intensify outpatient treatment options. To carry this out, counties are able to increase funding to existing comprehensive drug court agencies that provide residential services.

Justification for Use of Sole Source Contracting

Currently, there are only two agencies in Los Angeles County that meet the above criteria to render these services, Principles, Inc. and Tarzana Treatment Center (TTC). Given the short implementation time frame of this grant, it would not be advantageous to conduct a lengthy solicitation process. Therefore, SAPC proposes to amend the existing two residential drug court contractors (Principles, Inc. and TTC) to provide the required enhancement of the drug court treatment program based on the contractor's experience.

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Approval of these agreements with Principles, Inc. and TTC on a sole source basis will ensure the efficient use of grant funds to enhance drug treatment services for clients in Los Angeles County.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
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